

The Helena Independent.

VOL. 31.—NO. 131.

HELENA, MONTANA TERRITORY, SUNDAY MORNING, MAY 12, 1889.

FIVE CENTS

HERSHFIELD ADD'N.

Situated on Montana Avenue, Just North of Flower Garden Addition.

The Site of this Addition is a Beautiful Knoll, and the Scenery on all Sides is Unsurpassed. BUILDING HAS ALREADY COMMENCED. The CATHOLIC COLLEGE GROUNDS ADJOIN IT ON THE NORTH. Only six minutes walk from the Northern Pacific Depot.

Large Lots, Cheap Prices, Easy Terms.

Sixty Lots sold the first day the Addition was on the Market. No better Lots were ever offered in this City for Safe Investment and Quick Profits.

WALLACE & THORNBURGH,
Sole Agents, Rooms 1, 2 and 3, Second Floor First National Bank Building, Entrance corner Grand and Jackson streets.



Fine Carriages, Buggies and Road Wagons,
Landaus, Coupes and Phaetons,
IN GREAT VARIETY.
Schuttler's Montana Lumber and Quartz Wagon Gears. Farm Wagons, Harness, Etc.

BRANDEGEE BROS.,

Real Estate and Financial Agents

Paper Purchased. Money to Loan on Real Estate.
52 North Main Street, GOLD BLOCK,
P. O. Box 998. Rear of Ceb Co's Office

A. J. Davidson & Co.,
(INCORPORATED.)

AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS,
THE BAIN WAGON.
Carriages, Buggies, Etc.,
Wool Sacks, Twine and Shears,
Concord Buggy & Plow Harness.

OFFICE—Fourteenth Street and Helena Avenue.
WAREHOUSE and WAGON YARD—On National Avenue, between Montana Central and Northern Pacific Railroads.

R. W. NEILL,
MANUFACTURER AND DEALER IN
Stock Saddles, Side Saddles,
Light and Heavy Harness,
Bits, Spurs, Quirts, Whips, Lashes, Blankets, Sheets, Dust-rs, Slickers, Nose Bags, Sweat Collars, Horse Boots and all other goods usually kept in a first-class harness store. Hand made driving harness a specialty.
Opposite Grand Central Hotel, Main St., Helena, M. T.

ATTENTION!

We Carry a Full Line of
Gray Bros. Shoes.
They excel any shoe in the market for STYLE and DURABILITY. Also the largest line of Gents Shoes in the city, including HANAN & SON and LILLY, BRACKETT & CO. makes.
RALEIGH & CLARKE, No. 25 Upper Main St.
SUCCESSORS TO F. E. GAGE & CO.

CRONIN FOUND.

The Much-Sought Irish Physician Run Down by a Newspaper Reporter in Toronto.

His Flight From Chicago Caused by the Fear That His Life Was in Danger.

An Allegation That the Clan-na-Gael Had Concocted a Scheme to Get Him Out of the Way.

CHICAGO, May 11.—A Times special from Toronto gives an interesting interview with Dr. P. H. Cronin, who is at present in that city. After telling of his residence in St. Louis, where he was a druggist and studied medicine, attaining, as he claims, high professional and social position, Dr. Cronin said: "I saw the great Irish field was to be entered either at Chicago or New York, and, after consulting my intimate friends, among whom was Dr. O'Reilly, so well known in St. Louis, I made up my mind to go to Chicago. I was armed with the very best letters of introduction a man ever had and soon found myself prominent in the Irish as well as other circles there." He then went on to say that he soon discovered that the large quantities of money being received by Alexander Sullivan, Dr. O'Reilly, of Detroit, John O'Brien, of New York, and Patrick Egan, were not handled properly and that not more than three-fourths of it ever reached Ireland. "I," he said, "that at least \$85,000 was gobbled up by certain persons in Chicago, and when I began to turn, then I tried to scare me off, and finding that a failure they tried to bribe me. That would not work, and they decided to introduce me to Lecaron, giving him name as Beach, in order that he might pump me and damage me in any other way that he could. He got very little out of me, however, and that plan failed. I have been warned several times to get out of the country by friends, and assured that my life was in danger; but up to last Saturday I felt that I could hold my own. Last Saturday, however, I was put in possession of unquestionable facts that the Clan-na-Gael society had decided that my life should be taken. A man was appointed as my executioner and preparations are in active progress to accomplish the deed. That day I made up my mind at once to fly and you know the rest. The lady who accompanied me on the Hamilton train was quite unknown to me, as was also the gentleman. I met them on the train between Ottawa and Toronto. Neither of them knew who I was until you met me on George street Friday morning. They happened to be going to Buffalo on the same train. I took out of Toronto, and I left them at Hamilton."

This part of his story proved to be true. "Did you plan for a man to call at your office in Chicago and request you to go out to the house to attend a patient?" "That I will not answer. When questioned as to what he intended to do now, Cronin said that as soon as possible he proposed to get to a place of safety, probably France. He would, as soon as he arrived there, have some startling disclosures to make, which would create a great stir in Irish circles, especially in New York and Chicago. He said he had left some important papers in his trunk in Chicago. When asked why the Conkings, with whom he had lived, had persisted in declaring him dead, Dr. Cronin said they had been making fools of themselves. They were, he said, instructed to keep their mouths shut until he got to France. "You," he added, "the only person who told a woman anything important you will get the worst of it."

SETTLERS BARRED.
No Squatters Allowed on the Sioux Lands for the Present.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—Secretary Noble was shown a dispatch from Pierre, Dak., today, in which it was said many settlers had entered the Sioux reservation and staked out claims in anticipation of favorable results of pending negotiations with the Indians for the cession of a large part of their territory, and that permission to enter the reservation and to take up claims had been granted by the officials of the interior department at Washington, provided it was done peaceably. When asked if permission had been given as stated, the secretary said no such authority had been given, and that settlers had entered the territory they would be driven out immediately. Public survey of the boundary line of the reservation, he said, had been suspended temporarily, pending negotiations for fear of creating alarm or distrust among the Indians. He expressed the hope that the report that settlers were entering Indian lands would prove to be unfounded, as it might seriously embarrass the commissioners in their negotiations; but it found to be true, the action of the department would be prompt and effective.

The Missing Gunboat.
WASHINGTON, May 11.—Officers at the navy department absolutely discredit the report that the Palos has been lost on the Chinese station. It appears that but eight days have elapsed between the date of the last official report, April 16, and the sailing of the steamer bringing the report of her loss. This is a period hardly long enough to admit the Palos having been relieved by one of the vessels at a distant northern port and being out at sea for a time sufficient to justify the apprehension of her loss. The Palos is a gunboat of 420 tons.

Four Were Killed.
BRADFORD, Pa., May 11.—A severe storm accompanied by lightning swept across northern Pennsylvania yesterday and did much damage. At Ridgeway, in Elk county, Mrs. McNeil and three children were killed by lightning. Mrs. McNeil lived with her husband and children in the suburbs and when the storm arose she took the children into the cellar for safety. The deadly fluid struck the house and passing into the basement instantly killed the mother and her three children.

The Holter Lode Mining Case.
WASHINGTON, May 11.—Assistant Secretary Chandler of the interior department and Assistant Attorney General Shields today heard an argument on the motion to review the decision of the department rendered March 18, in which the Holter mining lode at Helena, Montana, was awarded to the Elkhorn mining company. The case will be taken under advisement.

TOOK THE TOWN.

Helena's Amateur Players Royally Received at Butte.

BUTTE, May 11.—[Special to the Independent.]—The Ermine train reached here at 6:17, making the run from Helena in two hours and seventeen minutes, the fastest time ever made on the Montana Central. The train was in charge of Conductor William Baird and Jerry Derreghen handled the throttle. There was a five minute stop at Boulder, which would have cut down the time. There were 110 in the party, sixty members of the Encore club, and friends, among whom were noticed Col. C. D. Curtis, Col. James Sullivan, Col. W. F. Sanders, James Sullivan, Clerk Parker of the district court, Michael Myendorf, C. E. Beckwith and many others. There were three coaches and a baggage car, the baggage being in charge of William Woodcock. Col. P. P. Shelby had given orders for the track to be cleared, and M. P. Benton was sent along to look after the welfare of the guests.

The time between Helena and Butte was spent pleasantly by all. Arriving at the depot every conveyance in the city, from a six-horse band wagon to a pony phaeton, which proceeded to the McDermott house, where an elegant dinner was in waiting. Maguire's handsome new opera house was packed from pit to dome, with the elite of the city. From the time the curtain rose upon the first act until it fell upon the last scene there was continuous applause. The company "caught on," the people were pleased, the encores were numerous and diversified and the floral offerings rare. All the singers were in good voice. Mrs. Hershey acquitted herself admirably as Mrs. Cohen, Miss Wilcox, Miss Sadler, and in short, all of the leading characters were royally received. The people of Butte will always be kindly remembered by the members of the Encore club. The Ermine party left Butte for Helena at midnight.

CRUSHED TO DEATH.

An Italian Woodchopper Meets a Terrible Death at Butte.

BUTTE, May 11.—[Special to the Independent.]—This afternoon Porto Francisco, an Italian woodchopper, employed by M. Baptiste, fell from an empty wagon at the corner of Arizona and Mercury streets. The hind wheel of the wagon, a three and three-quarter, and very heavy, passed over his head just across the ears and crushed his skull. He was removed to a neighboring house and expired in a few moments without regaining consciousness. There were three of his countrymen on the wagon and M. Baptiste was driving. They were going after a load of wood in the lower part of town and the unfortunate man lost his balance and fell. Coroner Howard summoned a jury at 2 o'clock and after a thorough examination into the occurrence, a verdict of accidental death was rendered. Francisco was an Italian, 41 years of age, and leaves a wife and four children.

Will Sell Their Own Cattle.
KANSAS CITY, May 11.—The American Live Stock Commission company, an association composed of many of the leading stockraisers of the west for the purpose of selling their cattle at a minimum rate of commission, has begun business. Offices have been opened at Chicago and Kansas City and branches in other cities will soon be established. The organization is the result of an idea which has long prevailed among cattlemen that they can handle their stock more economically than the commission men, who have no particular interest in the prices they obtain as long as they get their commission.

To Count Millions.
WASHINGTON, May 11.—The secretary of the treasury has appointed E. B. Daskal, A. F. Huntington and G. W. Robertson the committee to examine the books and accounts of the United States treasury incidental to the transfer of the office of treasurer from Hyatt to Huston. The latter took the oath of office this afternoon and will take charge Monday morning.

The examination includes a count of all the money in the treasury vaults, aggregating \$200,000,000. This examination is a work of great magnitude and will take a force of sixty expert counters over four months.

Hungarians Killed.
PITTSBURGH, Pa., May 11.—An explosion of fire damp occurred in the Tons Kun coal mines this morning, killing four Hungarians. The mines have been closed some time and the gas had accumulated in the deserted apartments. This morning four miners entered the pit to get some tools and carried lamps. Hardly had they gotten well into the mine when an explosion followed. The miners were horribly mangled. The damage to the mine will be very heavy.

Murdered in Oklahoma.
READING, Pa., May 11.—News was received here today that Dr. J. M. Brause, a leading physician of Shartlesville, this county, who left three weeks ago for Oklahoma to locate, had been murdered in that territory. The body was found filled of \$2,000 in money and valuables.

A Walking Match Ended.
NEW YORK, May 11.—The walking match ended this evening, the record not having been broken. Those who made 500 miles and sharing the gate receipts were: Herty, 550; Cartwright, 532; Morenau, 528; Hespelman, 520; Hughes, 515; Smith, 500; Golden, 500.

At His Old Tricks.
LIVINGSTON, May 11.—[Special to the Independent.]—Chas. Endlick was yesterday arrested for forging a check for \$25 on Bert Wright. He was caught some distance below Park City by Sheriff Templeton, who was anxious that he should not escape, as he is an old offender. He will have his examination Monday.

The President's Trip.
WASHINGTON, May 11.—The president and party started down the Potomac this morning and will return Monday afternoon.

SPOKANE TO RUN.

The Winner of the Louisville Derby to Try Conclusions With Proctor Knott on Tuesday.

The Clark Stakes the Goal and Several Thoroughbreds to Take Part in the Race.

Cleveland, Boston, Chicago and Philadelphia the Winners Yesterday—Standing of the League Clubs.

LOUISVILLE, May 11.—The interest in the stakes to be run Tuesday, is almost as great as that in the Derby. Armstrong has announced that Spokane would certainly start, while Bryant is eager to avenge the defeat of Proctor Knott in the Derby. Once Again, Hindoo Craft, Sportsman, Outbound, Cassius and the California crack, Robin Hood, and Come to-Taw are certain starters. The admirers of Once Again are confident that at a mile and a quarter he is the equal of any horse in the country, while Robin Hood has been reserved for this stake and trained especially for the event. Proctor Knott and Spokane are, of course, the lions of the occasion and an enormous crowd will witness the final contest between the great three-year-olds. The long-looked-for rain has come at last, and the track will be in first-class shape.

It is said to-night that F. B. Harper has sold Valuable, Libretto and Lavinia Belle for \$30,000, that sum having been offered for the pick of three out of the stable. It is also reported that \$25,000 was refused for Proctor Knott today, and that the parties desiring to purchase will give more. The Louisville-Jockey club will probably make a free field, as on Derby day, and this will insure another great outpouring of the masses.

Last Day at Nashville.

NASHVILLE, May 11.—The West Side Park association spring meeting closed today.

Eleven-sixteenths of a mile—Dock Wick won, Little Bess second, Ernest Race third. Time 1:10.

Nine-sixteenths of a mile—Miss Blonde won, Lilly Kinney second, Blackstone third. Time 58.

Two-year-olds, five furlongs—Lord Payton won, Mount Lebanon second, Joe Nevins third. Time 1:01.

Three-year-olds, five furlongs—Lord Payton won, Mount Lebanon second, Joe Nevins third. Time 1:01.

One mile and a quarter—Huntress won, Long Chance second, Big Third third. Time 2:09.

The Louisville Flyers.

LOUISVILLE, May 11.—Weather pleasant, attendance large, track very dusty.

One mile—Marchion won, Brown Princess second, Unlucky third. Time 1:44.

One and one-sixteenth of a mile for three-year-olds—Libretto second, Stockton third. Time 1:51.

Six furlongs—The Duke won, Clamor second, Jackie Tom third. Time 1:35.

Two-year-olds, five furlongs—Lord Payton won, Mount Lebanon second, Joe Nevins third. Time 1:01.

Three-year-olds, five furlongs—Lord Payton won, Mount Lebanon second, Joe Nevins third. Time 1:01.

One mile and a quarter—Huntress won, Long Chance second, Big Third third. Time 2:09.

The Lucky Duke of Portland.

HEMLOCK PARK, May 11.—The Royal stakes, 10,000 sovereigns, were won by the Duke of Portland's colt Ayshire, Lord Calthorpe's filly Sea Breeze second, the Duke of Portland's colt Melanion third. There were seven starters.

The League Games.

CLEVELAND, May 11.—An exciting game was played here today. Sutcliffe's miff of a thrown ball and a couple of singles and a double in the ninth inning allowed the visitors to score the only runs of the game. Score—Cleveland, 4; Indianapolis, 2. The batteries were: For Cleveland, Beatin and Sutcliffe; for Indianapolis, Getzein and Dally.

HATFIELD A SURPRISE.

BOSTON, May 11.—The Bostoners were unable to do anything with Hatfield today, he surprising everybody by his effective pitching. The Bostonians, however, won the game in the eighth inning, when a wild throw and a muffed fly allowed them to score three runs. Score—Boston, 4; New York, 3. The batteries were: For Boston, Clark and Bennett; for New York, Hatfield and Murphy.

PHILADELPHIA WINS.

PHILADELPHIA, May 11.—The visitors played poorly this afternoon and the Philadelphia team had an easy time in winning the game. Score—Philadelphia, 14; Washington, 1. The batteries were for Philadelphia, Buffington and Clemens; for Washington, O'Day and Mack.

BATTED OUT ANOTHER GAME.

CHICAGO, May 11.—A sick pitcher and afterward a weak substitute for him allowed the Chicagoers to bat out another game today. The game was called at the end of the seventh inning on account of rain. Score—Chicago, 11; Pittsburgh, 7. The batteries were for Chicago, Hutchinson and Farrell; for Pittsburgh, Morris, Maul and Carroll.

Standing of League Clubs to Date.

	WON.	LOST.	PCT. PER.
Boston	9	5	643
Philadelphia	8	5	615
Cleveland	10	7	588
New York	8	6	571
Chicago	8	7	533
Pittsburgh	8	8	500
Indianapolis	7	9	438
Washington	2	11	154

Association Games.

At St. Louis—St. Louis, 20; Baltimore, 4.

At Kansas City—Kansas City, 6; Columbus, 12.

At Louisville—Louisville, 5; Athletics, 1.

At Cincinnati—No game—rain.

The Umpire Erred.

CINCINNATI, May 11.—At a meeting of the board of directors of the American association this afternoon it was decided, after hearing evidence, that in the game played at Ridgewood, N. Y., last Sunday between the Athletics and Brooklyn the umpire erred in deciding the game a draw and the board reversed the decision and gave the game to the Athletics by a score of 9 to 0.

TROOPS KNOCKED OUT.

Highwaymen Hold up a Paymaster and Make a Heavy Haul.

TUCSON, Ariz., May 11.—Major Wham, paymaster of the United States army, with Clerk Gibbon and an escort of eleven soldiers, were on their way this afternoon from Wilcox to pay the post at Fort Thomas, and when in a narrow gorge a few miles north of Cedar Springs, they were attacked by a party of ambushed men. A constant fire was kept up for nearly half an hour when eight of the escort were wounded, five dangerously. The robbers succeeded in securing \$25,000 and escaped into the mountains. Major Wham was injured, but Gibbons had his clothing torn by a shot. Troops of cavalry have been sent out from Fort Grant to watch the mountain passes to see that the highwaymen may not escape. The number of the latter is not known, but is believed to be seven or eight.

DESPERATE BURGLARS.

An Attempted Escape Which Ends in a Sudden Death.

KANSAS CITY, May 11.—Proceedings in the office of Justice of the Peace Lewis, in Kansas City, Kas., this afternoon, were brought to a sudden and tragic end. During the trial of James Smith and Thomas Lavin, for burglary, Smith suddenly rose from his seat, drew a knife and rushing upon Detective Gilley, cut his throat, inflicting a gash seven inches long. The wounded officer immediately drew a revolver and fired four shots at the fleeing prisoner. Policeman Maloney and Constable Woodruff also fired two shots each, and the criminal fell dead with five bullets in his body. A stray shot struck Charles Dukes, a witness, inflicting a slight wound in the leg. Detective Gilley is in a critical condition, with but small chances for his recovery. During the confusion Lavin escaped.

KILLED HIS PLAYMATE.

A Boy of Ten Years Mortally Wounded a Girl of Eleven.

BELVIDERE, N. J., May 11.—At Mountain Home, Monroe county, Pa., on Friday, Jeffrey Harrison, aged 11, shot and killed Sophia Everett, aged 10. While the two were playing together they quarrelled and the boy ran up stairs and got a shot gun. The little girl became frightened and ran into another room. The boy forced his way in, aimed the gun and fired. The girl fell badly mangled and soon died. The youthful murderer is in custody.

CASTLE PROSPERING.

Claims Against the Cumberland Being Paid—Some New Strikes.

CASTLE, May 8.—[Special Correspondence of the Independent.]—The White Sulphur Springs syndicate paid over the \$50,000 for the half interest in the Cumberland property last week, and the claims against the company are being paid as fast as presented. The shaft is completed 250 feet, and a contract has been let for running drifts 100 feet each way on the lead. The company are taking out a fine quality of ore in large quantities. The stockholders feel much elated over the prospects, and the price of stock has doubled since the transfer was made.

The lead was struck in the new shaft on the Yellowstone, last week, at a depth of fifty feet; a steam hoist is on the way for working this mine.

The smelter company are making preparations to start the smelter about the 15th. A new lead of about three and a half feet of manganese ore was opened up on the Annie Maad last week. The mine is situated between the Alice and the Judge.

Death of Philip E. Evans.

DEER LODGE, Mont., May 11.—[Special to the Independent.]—Philip E. Evans, living about two miles west of Deer Lodge, died this afternoon of inflammation of the stomach and bowels. It was quite a surprise to the town, as it was not generally known that he was sick, and only a few knew that he was in a dangerous condition. Mr. Evans was one of our oldest and most prominent and influential citizens.

Mining Property Attached.

LIVINGSTON, May 10.—[Special to the Independent.]—Sheriff J. P. Templeton Thursday levied on all the mining claims, mills sites and smelting works of the New City Mining Co., on attachment of Henry L. Frank, formerly mayor of Butte. The entire property will be sold at public auction June 8.

The Machinery for the Texas.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—Secretary Tracy today awarded to the Richmond Locomotive and Machine works the contract for supplying the boilers and machinery of the battleship Texas, now building at the Norfolk navy yard. The price fixed in the contract is \$654,500.

An Aged Man's Crime.

CHICAGO, May 11.—Patrick Ford, aged 60, who three months ago married a woman aged 23, but who has been separated from her for some time, went to the house where she was sleeping last night, beat her, and killed her. He then fatally shot himself.

Beat the Record.

LA WRENCE, Mass., May 11.—J. T. Hartnett, of Dedham, to day, by a standing hop, skip and jump of thirty-seven feet and one-half of an inch, beat the record. He cleared forty feet with three jumps, beating the world's record.

Honored by Our Neighbors.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—United States Consul Willard, at Guaymas, Mexico, reports to the department of state that the flags on the foreign consulates and Mexican public buildings were unfurled April 30 in honor of the centennial of Washington.

The license law of Sweden forbids any person buying drink without purchasing something to eat at the same time. Brandy is the national drink, and it cannot be sold in a quantity less than two bottles.

A RANCHER'S FATE.

Henry Hatch, a Colorado Settler, Miseriously Murdered on His Claim Near Burlington.

A Peculiar Case, Which Bids Fair to Develop Some Very Sensational Features.

His Nephew, a Prominent Man Who Visited His Uncle, Under Arrest, Charged With the Crime.

DENVER, May 11.—A special from Burlington a small hamlet in the eastern portion of the state, says a preliminary examination of one of the most sensational murder cases ever heard in the state is being conducted at this place. The story is in brief as follows: Some months ago Henry Hatch, a prominent citizen of New England, came to Colorado and filed a pre-emption claim near Burlington. He lived alone and had made considerable improvements upon his ranch. On the evening of April 30, C. W. Hatch, of Boston, who had been to California, arrived at Denver and stopped at a leading hotel, and on Friday left for Burlington to visit his uncle, Henry Hatch. While there he gave the old gentleman \$50 and after concluding his visit he returned to Denver Sunday morning. Monday he left for Omaha, and thence went to Chicago, Goshen, Ind., and Birmingham, Mich. On Sunday morning, the day young Hatch returned to Denver, the body of his uncle was found in his cabin by a couple of children of a ranchman living in the neighborhood, with his brains knocked out and his skull beaten to a jelly. As no one is known to have visited the old gentleman except his nephew, suspicion is pointed to him, and he was arrested at Birmingham and conveyed to Burlington yesterday morning, charged with the murder of his uncle. The preliminary examination began yesterday and will probably last several days. The defense is being conducted by Hon. C. S. Thomas, of this city. A. J. Poppleton of Omaha, and other prominent attorneys. The coroner's jury late last night found a verdict that Henry Hatch came to his death by being pounded over the head with a blunt instrument in the hands of a party supposed to be C. W. Hatch. The accused is about 30 years of age and agent of the Travelers Insurance company of Hartford, Ct., for the New England states, and is reported to have an annual income of \$15,000. He is a nephew by marriage of Major Poppleton, of Omaha.

CROP PROSPECTS.

The Outlook for Wheat Regarded as Good as a General Thing.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—The condition of winter wheat has advanced from \$3.9 to \$4.5. The general average of winter barley is \$4.5. Winter wheat in the Ohio valley, while fully maintaining its April position, had a scant supply of moisture and fears of a decline in its position are entertained, in case of a continued deficiency of rainfall. On the Atlantic slope the recent heavy rains obviated the effects of previous deficiency and the plant generally is green and flourishing, but has not filled well in localities inclining to dryness. A high condition is reported in the south, though rust has appeared upon wheat blades in some fields. The percentage of the principal states of production are, Ohio, 90; Michigan, 92; Indiana, 95; Illinois, 98; Missouri, 98; Kansas, 98; Texas, 98. In east New York and Pennsylvania the average is 96; in Maryland and Virginia, 98. Chinch bugs are reported in Missouri, Kansas and in some instances elsewhere, without any indication of serious injury. Spring plowing is much further advanced than May 1, 1888.

Involves Over a Million.

NEW YORK, May 11.—Collector Erhart this afternoon decided a dispute of long standing between the New York custom authorities and the merchants. The decision involves \$1,500,000 annually, and is the result of several investigations. Invoices of manufactured goods have been found by the appraisers to contain large quantities of wool, and therefore have been appraised under section 362 of the tariff law, which calls for a duty of 25 cents per pound and 35 per cent ad valorem on goods of woolen goods under the value of 80 cents per pound. The importers claimed the goods contained only the combed wool, and should come under the section classifying "blankets, wool hats, and all goods made in knitting frames," and calling for duty from 10 to 15 cents per pound on goods from 30 to 85 cents. Two invoices brought by the City of Paris and Umbria form the basis of the decision, which is adverse to the importers. Collector Erhart notified the importers that they might appeal to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Heavy Opium Seizure.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 11.—One of the largest seizures of opium at this port took place after the arrival of the Pacific Mail steamer City of New York yesterday. The deputy surveyor seized five large trunks filled with opium labelled Ah Hing, Panama. Ah Hing's name could not be found on the passenger list and the trunks were accordingly taken ashore. They contained nearly 1,000 pounds of the drug which with the duty brings the value up to \$16,000.

The Scotch-Irish Congress.

COLUMBIA, Tenn., May 11.—The Scotch-Irish congress closed today with several stirring speeches. It was a brilliant success in every respect. A permanent organization having been formed, those wishing to become members of the society or to contribute to the literature of the pamphlet which will contain the proceedings should address A. C. Floyd, Secretary, Columbia, Tenn.

Annapolis Shaken.

ANNAPOIS, Md., May 11.—A shock supposed to be earthquake was felt at Annapolis this morning at 3:45. The trembling was accompanied by a loud clap, as though something heavy had fallen on the floors of the houses.

Fish a Free Man.

AUBURN, N. Y., May 11.—James D. Fish, ex-president of the Marine bank, was released from prison this morning and started for New York.

All the employees of the Southern Pacific living in the desert will be supplied with ice by the company during the coming summer.